2016 Poultry Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Committee and the Center for Youth Development

This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year’s Minnesota State Fair 4-H Poultry Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine: Animals must be owned solely by the 4-Her or the 4-Her’s family. The family includes the 4-Her’s parents/guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animal may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her’s parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Lease agreements must be submitted by May 15 with 4HOnline data. Market animals (with an exception of prospect calves) cannot be leased.

All Animal Ownership Deadlines:
February 15: Market Beef (beef steers, market heifers & dairy steers)
May 15: Breeding beef, dairy, dairy goats, dog, horse, lama, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. Fryer rabbits (should be 10 days old at show) 4-Her must own the doe of fryer rabbits and doe must be identified by May 15.
June 1: Jr. Meat Does
July 1: Jr. Doe Kid Dairy Goats

Projects in Minnesota may be started at any time during the year. However, if the project is to be shown at a county or state event, certain requirements must be met. Each of the requirements listed pertain specifically to state events. Identification worksheets are available in most species for use by families to gather data needed to complete 4HOnline Identification process. Please keep ID worksheets for records.

• 4-Hers exhibiting leased animals at the State Fair must present a photocopy of the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form” during leg-banding

HATCH DATES

- All exhibited birds (except pigeons) must be of this year’s hatch. Doves include; Breeding pigeon Information
- SUGGESTED hatch dates are:
  
  | Breeding Poultry and Waterfowl | January 1 or after |
  | Egg Production Chickens (will be in two separate lots, white egg layers & brown egg layers). Hybrid recommended | March 1 or after |
  | Market Chickens | March 1 or after – should be 8-10 weeks old at fair |
  | You may need two hatches of market chickens to accommodate an early county fair (and a late August) State Fair | March 1 or after |
  | Domestic Turkey & Market Waterfowl | |
  | Pigeons - Breeding pairs must have previous year’s seamless band or older on | Young birds must have current year’s seamless band on. |
  | Dove - Breeding pair must have previous year’s seamless band or older on | |
  | Guinea – Pearl, White, or Lavender | January 1 or after |

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

- All birds (except pigeons and doves) will be leg banded with a State Fair provided numbered leg band when they arrive at the State Fair.

WEIGHT GUIDELINES

- To avoid over-finished market chickens, it is recommended that they be as near 8-10 weeks of age at show time as possible.
- Market ducks, geese, guineas and turkeys should be well filled out in the breast and leg.

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS, FORMS & DEADLINES

- Refer to your county ID letter and online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID
If you own your Poultry, there is not an identification form that needs to be submitted to your county extension offices.

4-Hers exhibiting leased animals must complete the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form”, upload it online or submit it to your county extension office, by May 15.

DATES OF STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT & SHOW TIMES

- 4-H Livestock Encampment ~ Wednesday, August 26 – Sunday, August 30
- Show Day & Time ~ Thursday – 1:00 p.m. Exhibitor meeting & Consumer Ed 12:30 PM
- Exhibitors must check in at the Poultry Office upon arrival to pick up leg bands. Please refer to the Poultry section of the State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details.

PUREBRED ANIMALS

- All birds exhibited in breeding classes must be purebred and will be judged according to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. All pigeons will be judged according to the NPA’s Pigeon Standard book. All doves will be judged by the Book of Pigeon Standards.

STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- All chicken, guinea, and turkey exhibitors must have a “Statement of Origin” indicating their bird is from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock within 12 months prior to entry day.
- If you do not have a “Statement of Origin”, you must provide a Minnesota State Board of Animal Health Certificate stating that your bird tested negative at the Pullorum-Typhoid test.
- The “Statement of Origin” or negative Pullorum-Typhoid test certificate must be attached to the county computer generated 4-H State Fair Species Verification Report (poultry).
- No health certificates are required for waterfowl, pigeons or doves.

STATE FAIR INTERVIEWS

- Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up
- Interviews will be from 7:30 am to 11:00 am on Thursday.
- To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the Poultry Interviews.
- The poultry interview process will include a workshop and interview. Questions will be taken from the workshop and Poultry Curriculum, including all domestic fowl, health, management, careers and current industry issues. Interviews will emphasize many life skills such as communication skills, responsibility, decision making and problem solving. Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.

STATE FAIR SHOWMANSHIP

- Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8 & Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up
- Exhibitors are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the bird, handling of the bird and attention to the judge during the poultry show.
- Exhibitors must bring one of their own birds for showmanship.
- The Champions receive a plaque. The Reserve Champion Advanced, Senior and Intermediate (ALL) receive plaques.

STATE FAIR HERDSMANSHP

- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily. Shavings will be available during designated times of the morning and afternoon. (Check at the Poultry Office for times.)
- Bring your own feed.
- Locks may be used on cages, small locks preferred.
- See the 4-H State Fair Premium Book for details.

POSTER CONTEST

Any 4-Her enrolled in the Poultry Project may enter a poster. (You do not have to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.)

- Age Divisions: Grades K-2 ~ Grades 3-5 ~ Grades 6-8 ~ Grade 9+
- Poster size is 14” wide by 22” high. Vertical layout is best for promotional poster.
- Posters must be labeled on the back with the 4-Hers name, grade completed, and county.
Categories: (1) Promoting 4-H Poultry Project such as; ideas to promote and encourage youth to join 4-H and the
Poultry Project and (2) Educational 4-H Poultry Poster such as; ways to encourage learning of more poultry areas like:
breeds — eggs- marketing – production- nutrition.

One poster will be chosen as next year’s cover for the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Catalog. (Must be a flat design
that can be reproduced on a copy machine. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered). Simple
designs work best.
One poster will be chosen as next year’s 4-H Poultry t-shirt design. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced.
Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered)
Simple Designs work best.
Because of techniques and mechanics of transferring designs to shirts and/or programs, Champion posters
are not always considered for these promotional items.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST
AGAIN IN 2016 – PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION! SEE STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK.
7:00 p.m. on Friday in the Sheep Arena
Open to any 4-Her. (You do not have to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.)
Divisions: Junior: Under 14 years of age by January 1 of current year & Senior: Over 14 years of age by January 1 of
current year. Classes will include laying hens, eggs, ready-to-cook chicken, and oral reasons.
Top 5 scoring contestants will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest (Louisville, KY in
Nov).
Any 4-Her who has participated in the National Contest cannot compete again at the State Level.

CHICKEN BBQ CONTEST – SATURDAY 8 AM SENIORS 11 AM JUNIORS
AGAIN IN 2016 - PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION! A code will be available in the premium book.
See the 4-H State Fair Premium Book for complete details and rules. Contestants will be allowed 2½ hours to
prepare four chicken halves and will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation. A table top, chicken, BBQ
grills, charcoal, & lighter fluid will be provided. Participants need to supply cooking materials (including sauce) &
additional equipment. MUST have a 5X7 or larger recipe card to turn in for judging.
Top Seniors (Over 14 years of age by January 1 of current year) will have the option to represent Minnesota at the
National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference, in the chicken or turkey BBQ or Egg Preparation Demonstration in Louisville
KY in November.

POULTRY PRINCE & PRINCESS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST
Watch for more details on the contest to be posted on the website: http://z.umn.edu/4hpoultryprinceprincess.